

TELEGRAMS

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London, February 12

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GENERAL NEWS.

33 Years' Rectory.
 After being a recluse in an Anglican community for 33 years, Miss Pemberton, an American lady, has been received into the Catholic Church. She first came under the influence of the late Father Maturin when he was in Philadelphia. Coming to England, she joined the Sisters of the Holy Family, who were in the community at St. Margaret Street, London, making her profession in 1885. Sent out to the branch of the sisterhood in Baltimore, U.S.A., she was recalled on account of her religious doubts, and was sent to Cowley, Oxford, which is under the direction of the Cowley Fathers. Still unconvinced, she desired to live the life of a recluse, and she asked for a private cell in the community. This, in 1894, five years later she took a life-vow of enclosure. Early this year she corresponded with a former sister of the Anglican community, who had converted, and now the Mother Superior of a convent in Sussex—and ultimately she had been received into the Catholic Church on the eve of All Saints' Day.

Chinese Labour Battalion.
 From a letter received from a recent recruit to the Chinese Labour Battalion, we learn that the duties are not light. The writer: "This is the most strenuous life I have ever lived. I have to imagine that I am a man, an easy time of it. I have to work the hardest day means some five hours grueling drill of foot marches, while our hardest means the same number of hours plus four hours night-watch, sometimes from 12 mid-night to 4 a.m., all others from 8 to 12 p.m. and from 4 to 8 a.m. who get some frightfully cold days, with a freezing wind blowing, ceaseless big guns, so that we can hardly feel our fingers and toes. Paying the coolies daily is a hell of a job. I hope to have my own company of 100 men some time next month. Meanwhile I assist other company commanders and am doing a lot of drill. I have already picked up enough Chinese for that. We are a jolly crowd at the mess, and one has the satisfaction of feeling that one is leading a man's life."

Grattan's Parliament.
 At Walker's Gallery, New Bond Street there was recently on view a collection of unpublished State papers relating chiefly to Grattan's Parliament, and on the walls were hung portraits of celebrities associated with the Parliament and old coloured prints of the Ireland of the time. The papers are part of the official correspondence of Thomas Townshend, afterwards the first Viscount Sydney, who as Home Secretary had charge of Irish Affairs during the first seven years of Grattan's Parliament, from 1782 to 1789, save for a brief interval. There are over 200 documents in the collection, including many letters and reports from the Lord's Lieutenant, Chief Secretaries, and Irish Commanders-in-Chief of the period, mostly marked "secret" and "confidential" and "most private and confidential." Among other things, the way in which rulers and statesmen corresponded one with another is illustrated. The official letters, which would probably pass through several hands in the Government Department, was written in cold and formal phrases showing no human feeling behind them, but it was so complicated always with a private communication, intended for the eye of the recipient only, in which the Home Secretary, Lord Lieutenant, or the Chief Secretary, as the case might be, gave expression, in terms warm and unreserved, to his views on the waywardness of Irish Affairs, and the unaccountable and most inconvenient courses which distinguished members of the Irish Lords or Commons were pursuing. Among the portraits are those of Grattan, O'Connell, and Flood, whose names appear frequently in the correspondence. The collection is in a fine hall, the coloring of all being particularly fresh and vivid. Many of them are by James Malton, an English topographical draughtsman of the 18th century. Grattan's Parliament is the last of the kind, and the collection is a fine one of the middle 18th century.

GENERAL NEWS.

Laymen, Soldiers.
Since the outbreak of the war, states the annual report of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, 128 Irish solicitors and 77 apprentices have joined the forces, and 13 solicitors and 10 apprentices have been killed.

A Disaster Snowed.
The Governor of Yamagata (Ken) North-eastern Japan, reports that a big avalanche occurred at the Onari mine of the Furukawa Mining Company recently and crushed several buildings. One hundred and fifty miners were entombed and it is feared that most of them have perished. A later message states that railway and telegraphic communication with the mining district has been interrupted by a blizzard and details of the disaster are not available. In addition to the colliery buildings, an elementary school was wrecked and the principal and his wife killed. The number of people buried is estimated at two hundred, of whom twenty have been rescued.

The Lord Mayor and the Banquet.

In a letter of thanks to the committee which arranged the proceedings on Lord Mayor's Day, the Lord Mayor says: "As to the evening function (the term 'banquet' is so ludicrously inappropriate that I hesitate to use it), I have no doubt the committee's conscience is as clear as mine. The meagre diet, less and lighter than people would have had in their own homes, was a mere accessory to the real object of the gathering, which was to afford his Majesty's Ministers and the representatives of our Allies a public opportunity of reviewing the present state of affairs connected with the war and of making it known, through the Press, to the world. In that respect it served its destined end, for the important speeches to which we listened have been reproduced everywhere."

King Edward and the Late Francis Joseph.

The following statement is issued through the Press Bureau:—The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* of November 9 contained a Vienna telegram reporting that the Emperor Charles had made certain statements about the Austro-German alliance; among others that in 1908 King Edward VII. offered the Emperor Francis Joseph a free hand in the Balkans if he would break away from Germany. To this the Emperor is alleged to have returned an indignant answer that the King left Austria as quickly as possible. His late Majesty did not see or meet the Emperor Francis Joseph in 1908, and on no occasion is 1903, 1904, 1907, and 1908 (in which years meetings took place at Vienna, Marienbad, or Ischl) was anything said by his Majesty to the Emperor with a view to detaching Austria from the German alliance.

London Printers and the Wounded.

The work done by the Lloyd Memorial Sash and Medal, in the after-care of wounded and disabled printer soldiers, was recognized by the newspaper and printing trade recently when more than 1,000 persons attended a concert in aid of the home's patriotic fund held in the Great Hall of the Cannon Street Hotel. So great was the attendance that the committee were compelled to engage another hall in the building for an overflow concert. A large number of wounded officers and men from London military hospitals, accompanied by members of the nursing staff, were entertained at tea. Among those who contributed to the programme were Nelson Keys, Irene Richards, Adah Fair, the Misses Daisy and Marie Hancock, Mrs. Clara O'Connell D. vries, with the Common Oxford Quartette, Ben Nathan, Charles Pond, Michael Lowe, Fred Stone and Bruce Hulan, Nellie Mowbray, Wilhelmina Fink, James Davis, Robert Pitt and Leslie Marks, Lillian Tooley, Helen Spicer, Mabel Adams, Arthur Broogh, Maude Melliar, and Arthur Jones. Poyllis O'Connell, Stella Beckman, Ernest Taylor, Welch, G. and Salway, Dorothy Norman, and Edmund Woodhouse. Mr. O. H. St. J. Hornby, director of W. H. Smith and Sons, presided.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 11th February, to THURSDAY, 21st February, 1918, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1918.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to 19th February, 1918, both days inclusive.

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JOHN ARNOLD, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1918.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 11th February, to SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1918, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

N. J. STABB,

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1918.

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W. CHATHAM,

Director of Public Works.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1918.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1918.

FOREIGN TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

Prior to the war, and probably a great deal more since, complaints of British merchants at the lack of support and interest evinced by the Government in respect to foreign trade have certainly been numerous enough. In a word, the British merchant was very much up "agin the Government" for not giving him what he considered necessary assistance to further his interests and thus help him and his country to reap the benefits to be derived in foreign markets. The Home and Foreign business man never tired of drawing comparisons—very bitter ones, too—between the German methods of systematic support rendered to her merchants engaged in foreign trade, and the unconcern of the British Government whether he held his own against his foreign competitors or not. It will generally be agreed that there was a certain measure of justification for the complaints and the efforts—more or less successful—which have been made since the war to awaken the Government to the true facts of the situation, have shown better than anything else could have done that cause for grievance did exist. The result is that we are to have a reformed Consular Service, Trade Commissioners, and an altogether more healthy and lively intelligence system to further British trade abroad. Every effort is to be made after the war to foster British trade in foreign and colonial markets, and the much-maligned Government aroused from its apathy is going to prove a parent to its traders in a very real sense—a state of things for which we cannot be sufficiently thankful.

What must not be forgotten, however, is the fact that while the business man had just reason to feel injured at Government inactivity, he should have gone a step further and admitted that he has himself not been entirely blameless in the past. He might have realised that he should have helped himself a little more, and learned that, individually or collectively, there is no one who can do for business in foreign markets that which he can do for himself. There are many schemes in the air for the expansion of British trade when hostilities cease, but about the best of several that have been put forward is one which advocates the plan that manufacturers and producers should co-operate to organise in foreign markets a system of agents and expert representatives who should give to the trade of all the firms concerned that personal attention, the value of which has been demonstrated times innumerable. The scheme smacks of possibilities of great value, for the business man knows well what can be done by an agent with expert knowledge of the commodity in which he is interested. With an organisation of this description it would be possible by a pooling of resources to cover ground which might otherwise have of necessity to be neglected. The outcome of this would be that a very large proportion of merchants at home and abroad would secure closer representation in the markets which, though they may show signs of promise, could be made to yield much more if representatives with their fingers on the pulse of the business were on the spot to control them. These broad principles laid down would prove advantageous, especially if the scheme were created and ready to be launched at the right moment to profit by the extension of the Government commercial intelligence system, which is in the course of making. No one believes for a moment that all would be smooth sailing. On the contrary, it is safe to assume that many difficulties would present themselves, but none should prove insurmountable.

It must be remembered that after the war there will be a tremendous revival in trade in other countries besides our own—Germany included. There will be one mad stampede by commercial interests to establish themselves firmly at the first rush in the best markets of the world. There will be such trade competition when peace is signed that was never before dreamed of, and if British trade is not to take a back place in the new markets, concerted action must be taken and taken now while there is time to formulate plans of campaign and have them ready when action is called for. One of the most important things to realise is that business men cannot lean altogether on the Government. They must help themselves and prepare to do so as they have never done before. The new scheme of organisation on the part of manufacturers and producers seems quite practicable and should commend itself to all, for there is nothing to lose and much to gain by co-operation of interests in sympathetically treating markets dulled by war, and in opening up new fields of enterprise.

Mail Notifications.

We have been asked whether or not there is any likelihood of the postal authorities resuming the announcements of the dates for the despatch of homeward mails. To the query we can only reply that we do not know what the intentions of the Government on the matter are. But we do feel that it would be in the public interest if the practice were resumed, and we can see no good reason why this should not be done. As we have before pointed out, it would not be necessary to give either the name of the steamer or the actual date or time of departure; the public could at any rate be advised to post their letters not later than a certain date. We are aware that business houses generally know when a mail is closing; indeed, the information, which is supposed to be kept more or less secret, is on occasions freely brained about with the name of the outgoing steamer often passed from mouth to mouth. But the ordinary resident is frequently at a loss to know when a mail is due to leave, and to such it would be of the utmost convenience to know when to post. The Northern papers (Shanghai, Japan, etc.) give full details of the closing of mails, and we believe that the same remarks apply to Singapore also. Why, then, should the Hongkong public be kept in the dark? There may, of course, be good and sufficient reasons for the policy followed, but we cannot think of any adequate cause why the suggestion made above should not be put into effect.

A Dangerous Practice.

The shopkeeper who was recently before Mr. Dyer Bell, at the Police Court, charged with storing an excess amount of petroleum, probably received quite a shock when he was smartly fined \$50 for his carelessness, and will most likely not be inclined to repeat the experiment again. There are some Chinese in this Colony who absolutely cannot be made to realise the dangerousness of practices of this description. No doubt the defendant thought that because he had a quantity of the fluid stored outside his shop he would escape the law. He knows better now. When one learns that no person is allowed to have more than 40 gallons of petroleum on one's premises at a time, and that the defendant in this case had no less than 284 gallons, the seriousness of the offence is easily recognised. Probably this defendant would have felt there was no more injured man in the Colony than he, had his premises caught fire—unless of course he had them covered by insurance—and he would have wondered what bad joss was dogging his footsteps. The danger of storing such large quantities of petroleum at one time is aggravated by the dry weather which we are now experiencing, and it is to be hoped that the fine imposed in this instance will serve as a warning that offences of this kind cannot be committed with impunity.

The Western Front.

After a very lengthy lull in big events on the Western Front, it is now plain that matters are beginning to move towards the titanic battle which has been predicted will be the feature of this year's spring campaign. The enemy has made open threats of a big offensive, and it is known that he has transferred all the men he can get together so as to be able to drive with great power against the Allied lines. On the British side it is frankly admitted that the Germans have the preponderance of men in the West, but in looking at these matters one must not forget the old adage that "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." In the week-end wires reference has been made to American artillery, already demonstrating its effectiveness, and there is encouragement to be gained from the accounts of the minor French attack, undertaken to gain a troublesome enemy salient. Complete success was gained within the hour—proof that the German line is no more invulnerable now than it ever has been. Everything points to the fact that our own confidently awaited great event with calm knowing that the concerted military efforts of the Allies are constantly in council, and that the moral of the Allied troops is as high as it ever was.

DAY-BY-DAY.

THERE IS OPPORTUNITY AS WELL AS TEMPTATION IN LEISURE.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the third anniversary of the first naval attack in the Dardanelles.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 11½d.

Special Preacher.

The Catholic monthly publication *Religioso e Patria* for February, just issued, announces that the preacher on the occasion of the feast of N. S. dos Passos on Sunday next, the 24th inst., at the Catholic Cathedral, will be the Rev. Father Netto, of the Jesuit Mission of Shinging. A large congregation will, no doubt, be present.

Theft of Coal.

Before Mr. J. H. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with the larceny of a quantity of coal from a coal yard at Tai Kik Tsui. A Chinese detective saw the man leaving the yard with two baskets of coal, and when arrested the defendant stated that a man had engaged him to carry them. This he could not prove. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10, or fourteen days' hard labour.

An Appeal.

Mr. A. P. Stokes asks us to notify those who have goods to advertise, and who desire to benefit the Mercantile Marine in England and the Naval Prisoners of War, that advertisements to appear in the programme of the entertainment to take place at the Theatre Royal on Saturday next, will be very welcome. Those who wish to advertise are kindly asked to send form of advertisement to Mr. A. P. Stokes, Kingsclere, not later than Tuesday evening, accompanied by a cheque for \$25 or as much more as the advertisers feel disposed to give.

Opium and Dynamite.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. H. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with unlawfully possessing twelve tins of prepared opium, and also six sticks of dynamite. Inspector Kent said that the man had just returned from North Borneo and was searched on board the steamer. The opium was found concealed in a basket, whilst the dynamite was found at the bottom of a gunny bag. The defendant stated that he purchased the dynamite from the foreman of a mine in North Borneo. His Worship imposed a fine of \$750 for the opium and a fine of \$25 for the dynamite, the alternative being four months' hard labour.

Hillside Gamblers.

How gangs of men have been used to getting away on the hillside to indulge in gambling was told at the Police Court this morning when fourteen men were charged before Mr. J. H. Wood, with gambling on the hillside at Sai Wan H. Sergeant Field stated that such gambling had been going on for some time. When the Police raided the spot on Sunday, a look-out man gave the alarm, and nearly 100 men, who were assembled at the spot, dispersed all over the hillside. Only the defendants were caught. All the men, except one, told his Worship that they were only watching the game and not taking part. They were discharged, but the man who confessed was fined \$5.

Making Five Dollars into One Hundred.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Dyer Bell, at the Police Court this morning, with uttering and passing a five dollar bank note made to represent a \$100 bank note of the Chartered Bank. Inspector Brasil, who characterised the chance as a clever piece of forgery, said that the two men went to a house at 120 Hollywood Road, where a regular gambling school was in progress. One of the defendants gave the other a forged \$100 bill and told him to stake \$20. The men lost and the banker gave them back \$80, and they then left. The forgery was discovered and the bank was notified. The two men were later arrested. The Inspector further stated that there was another charge against the man for passing a forged \$100 bill at a stall in the Central Market. The case was adjourned until Wednesday morning.

THE "DELCO-LIGHT."

A Boon in Electrical Supply.

At a time like the present, when Hongkong is not a little concerned owing to the inability of the Electric Supply Company to carry out any further installations or give to their customers further supply of current, anything that tends to increase the amount of electrical energy at the disposal of all classes of the public, will come as a decided boon. The war has made it impossible for the Company named to complete the extension of their works as planned, and private consumers who desire either more power or light are faced with either carrying on as they are or going to the expense of installing a generating plant of their own—though up to now the cost of the latter proceeding has been almost prohibitive. It is, therefore, of more than passing interest to refer to the new complete electric light and power plant, known as the "Delco-Light," which has during the past few days been introduced into the Colony through the agency of Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Co., for a solution of the lighting and power problem has thus become possible.

On paying a visit to the Machinery Department of the firm named, a representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph* was, through the courtesy of Mr. Geo. T. Ramsey, who is representing the manufacturers, The Domestic Engineering Company, of Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A., given a demonstration of the efficiency, simplicity and durability of the little engine-generator, and even to a non-technical mind it was forcibly brought home that there was an apparatus from which Hongkong should stand to greatly benefit. The plant consists of a small internal combustion engine and an electric generator directly driven, thus doing away with beltting, and a battery capable of carrying thirty 16-candle power lights for eight hours without recharging. When it is stated that a quarter of a million dollars (gold) has been spent in developing from an ordinary belted plant to the present type it can be seen that it is not a mere "box of tricks" but a scientific development in the simplification of producing electrical energy. The engine will operate on either kerosene, gasoline or gas and its economical use of fuel is one of its chief features. A quart of kerosene plus the Delco-Light gives eighty candle power for eight hours, whereas the same amount of oil with a kerosene lamp gives twenty candle power for eight hours, or, in other words, four times the amount of illumination is given for the same amount of kerosene. Among the distinctive features of the system is that it is safe for a 22 volt system like this is shockless; it is air cooled in a most simple manner and obviates the use of water; it is self-cranking, for when the starting switch is closed the engine is cranked electrically; it is self-stopping as the engine stops itself when the batteries are fully stored with electricity; it has a simple oiling system, needing only oiling in one place about twice a month; it has a simple mixing valve instead of a carburetor; and is so small in size that the question of where to house it is practically non-existent. The special ball and roller bearings reduce friction, whilst the overhead valves and special construction of firing chambers increases the efficiency. It would be possible to go on at length speaking of other features which mark the Delco-Light as a unique production, but apart from mentioning the further fact that the switchboard is mounted on the generator, it can only be stated here that an inspection of the plant will be most convincing to any interested.

A storage battery of sixteen cells is furnished and there are also a number of special notes, as those who are very desirous to have been developed and built especially for use with the Delco-Light. Their capacity, construction, and the visible battery gauge which is installed in the pilot cell, are points that make a wide appeal. The battery is delivered fully charged demonstration.

Over 80,000 Delco Lights have already been installed, and it is interesting to mention that the inventor is one of the leading men concerned with the perfecting of the Liberty Motor, used in America's new war aeroplane.

"FOOD SHORTAGE SERIOUS."

Sir Arthur Yapp's Warning to the Huddled.

Sir Arthur Yapp, Director of Food Economy, addressing domestic economy teachers at the Central Y.M.C.A., recently, said that the League of National Safety was going to be one of the biggest things of its kind every attempted in the country.

"We asked for 10,000 members," declared Sir Arthur, "and in a short time we had 13,000. The following day we had 20,000. We can see our way to the 100,000 mark, but we must have a million before the end of the month, and ten million before the end of the year. Let me warn you that the food shortage is not bluff. There may be plenty of food in some parts of the world, but the difficulty is to get it here. We cannot for one moment afford to leave the U boat out of our calculations. It is very serious. We cannot take risks."

"If only the nation will arise as one man we shall pull through. It is all very well to say we should have compulsory rationing at once. It is a difficult thing to impose upon the people. In Germany there were over six million forged tickets in the first months. Surely to avoid compulsion it is worth our while to make a tremendous effort to keep compulsion away by adopting the voluntary scale of rations."

Answering a woman who complained that some people were eating all they possibly could to prepare for the starvation days which they believed were coming, Sir Arthur Yapp said that every member of the public should become economy preachers, but they had to be careful to keep out of the hands of cranks.

Mrs. Peel, Director of Women's Service, said that no longer could the fool of the family be left in the kitchen. No better war work could any woman do than that performed "below stairs." Not only was it unpatriotic now to peel potatoes, but the peel should be eaten. There was considerable nourishment in the peel of a potato. The Ministry of Food discovered these things by experiments, but the worst of it was that she was made the subject of the experiments. (Laughter.)

It was often said to her, "Don't talk to us about economy. Go and talk about the waste in the Army." "I paid surprise visits to the Army," declared Mrs. Peel, "and I did not find it. The by-products total £800,000, saved by good house-keeping in the Army. Out of that £250,000 goes to improving the feeding of the men. The rest—£550,000—is returned to the public. From by-products there is obtained 1,800 tons of glycerine and glue at 25s 10s per ton, instead of £300 per ton which the Government had to pay previously. It supplies the propellant force for 18,000,000 eighteen-pounder shells."

and assembled and it is therefore unnecessary to give it a long initial charge.

When one thinks of the multifarious uses to which electricity is put and the portability of the new plant, thus making it possible to have electrical energy in the most isolated districts, it is brought home what a demand there will doubtless be when the plant is more widely known in the Colony. It requires no expert to operate it, its upkeep cost is low, it reduces the possibilities of fire, and carries with it all the advantages and conveniences to which modern people have been accustomed.

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The *Daily Chronicle*, which has reverted to the ranks of the penny papers, has had the most varied career of any London *Daily*. It made a first modest appearance in 1855 as *The Business and Shipping Gazette*, distributed gratis as an advertising sheet in Clerkenwell; but within a few months took to printing local news items, and changed its title to the *Oldham Well News*, and priced itself at one halfpenny. The first of all London local papers, it flourished amazingly, increasing in circulation from three to four and five times a week, until in 1866 it became a regular daily. The title underwent several changes until 1877, when Edward Lloyd purchased the property for £30,000 and re-christened it *The Daily Chronicle*.

Had Napoleon had his way Versailles would offer some pretty object-lessons in the art of victory to the Allied War Council which is to meet there. Towards the close of his career the Emperor had the idea of erecting in the grounds of the royal palace a series of large models of his greatest battles and of the various capitals which his troops had occupied. Only the call to other battlefields—less victorious—seems to have prevented the execution of his plans.

Lord Forester, whose death is announced, was one of the three persons in the kingdom entitled to wear their hat in the presence of royalty. The other two are Lord Kinnaird and the Head of Trinity College, Cambridge. It is, of course, an exemption much cherished but seldom exercised. There is a tradition that when, at Queen Victoria's coronation, the Trinity Head of the time sought to avail himself of the privilege, he was promptly reminded that, however much he might consider himself free of obligation of the sovereign, he was expected to uncover in presence of a lady.

Mr. Archibald Hard takes a hand in offering a solution of "the Riddle of the War" and sums up William II with great effect:—"The Kaiser is not a Napoleon but a dilettante—a great amateur in all the spheres of activity which he has invaded. He has never been master of himself, and for a decade or more he has doubted his mastery over his own people, fearing from month to month signs of a breaking away. He has been as incoherent in his dealings with his subjects as he has been hypocritical in his relations with the rulers and peoples of other States. The Willy Nicky correspondence has revealed the workings of the mind of the man who thought to outmanoeuvre Fate by petty intrigues. The time will no doubt come when light will be shed on the Kaiser's relations with his own statesmen, and the German people will learn how he has schemed and plotted to keep them in bondage. The Kaiser has become the slave of his weaknesses. A man who professes devotion to art, science, and the humanities, as a modern soldier and statesman he has been driven to countenance one enormity after another in order to maintain the appearance of victory in the eyes of his subjects and to postpone the hour when the failure of his whole theory of life will be exposed to the eyes of the world. The German Emperor is a small and weak, if not mentally deranged man, who, fascinated by the military successes of 1864, 1866, and 1870-1, dreamed that he could make himself master of Europe. He did not realise that he was building on sand, and that his struggle to save himself and his house would, first, draw upon him the enmity of all the civilised Powers of the world, and then undermine the footings on which the throne rests."

Another interesting feature of the *Daily Chronicle* is its long list of names of the men who served in the North Sea for three years, and Germans did not seem to him so he thought it was time to go to them. He had written a long enough.

RACING NOTES.

This Morning's Gallops at Happy Valley.

Although this morning was one of the coldest experienced during the present training season, there were quite a number of enthusiasts at Happy Valley to watch the fairly good number of ponies which went for gallops. There will be gallops every morning this week, culminating on Saturday, when practically all of the mounts will be sent their final distance prior to racing. This morning there was not a lot of fast work done, though all of Mr. Adameric's and Sir Paul's ponies were out. The "Sands" were only trotted, as was also Salamander and several other ponies. There was hardly anything of outstanding merit this morning, and it will be sufficient to give the full times and last quarters as below—

Derby Ponies.
Bantam Dablia. Mile.—38; 19 2/5; 142 2/5; 2.16; last quarter 33 3/5.

Korand. Three quarters.—35; 19 1/5; 144 4/5; last quarter, 35 3/5.

Wild Cat. Mile.—37; 1.14; 1.49; 2.20 3/5; last quarter, 31 3/5.

Unique Dablia. Mile and a quarter.—4; 1.9; 1.44; 2.16; 2.50; last quarter 34.

Moderate Dablia. (Vids up). Mile and a half.—39 1/5; 1.17; 1.55; 2.31; 3.5; 3.36; last quarter, 31.

Pernian Cat and Siamese Cat. Mile.—38; 1.15; 1.48; 2.20 1/5; last quarter 32 1/5.

Conquest Dablia. Mile.—35; 1.10; 1.41 1/5; 2.16; last quarter 31 4/5.

Gentle Cat. Mile.—40; 1.17; 1.50; 2.22; last quarter, 32.

Old Ponies.
Tittlemouse. Last half.—33 1/5; 1.6 3/5; last quarter, 33 2/5.

Coronet Dablia. Three quarters.—36; 1.17 1/5; 1.41 3/5; last quarter, 34 2/5.

Australian Chief. Mile and a quarter.—42; 1.21; 2.2; 2.39 2/5; 3.13; last quarter, 33 3/5.

Dandy Dablia. Last Mile. 37; 1.14 3/5; 1.50 3/5; 2.24 2/5; last quarter, 33 4/5.

Windsor Dablia. Mile and a quarter.—38; 1.14; 1.50 1/5; 2.23 2/5; 2.55 3/5; last quarter, 32 1/5.

Anticipation. Three quarters.—37; 1.11; 1.43; last quarter, 32.

Oldsow's Wolf. Three quarters.—40; 1.12; 1.43 4/5; last quarter, 31 4/5.

E-sex Chief. Half mile.—34; 1.53 1/5; last quarter, 31 3/5.

Attraction Dablia (Vids up). Mile.—35 2/5; 1.10 4/5; 1.44 1/5; 2.15 3/5; last quarter, 31 2/5.

King Dick. Last mile.—36; 1.12; 1.47; 2.21; last quarter, 34.

Fairlight and Xmaslight. Mile.—38; 1.16 3/5; 1.54; 2.25 2/5; last quarter, 31 2/5.

Subscription Griffins.
Hagria. Three quarters.—39; 1.13 2/5; 1.35 3/5; last quarter, 32 1/5.

Black Cat. Mile.—48; 1.28; 2.3 3/5; 2.24; last quarter, 30 2/5.

Herod. Three quarters.—36; 1.9 1/5; 1.46; last quarter, 30 4/5.

Marbo. Three quarters.—34; 1.6; 1.39; last quarter, 33.

Tabby Cat. Mile.—37; 1.11; 1.45 3/5; 2.19 2/5; last quarter, 33 4/5.

Nevard and Fraud. Three quarters.—34 2/5; 1.8 2/5; 1.44 2/5; last quarter, 36.

Dividend. Mile and a half.—42; 1.29; 1.57; 2.31 2/5; 3.5; 3.38 3/5; last quarter, 33 3/5.

Huntman and Yser. Three quarters.—35; 1.6; 1.41; last quarter, 35.

White Cat. Mile.—38; 1.15; 1.50 3/5; 2.22 2/5; last quarter, 31 4/5.

Stanley Chief. Half mile.—34; 1.5 3/5; last quarter, 31 2/5.

Snuffbox. Three quarters.—35; 1.7; 1.38 4/5; last quarter, 31 4/5.

Sunrise Dablia and Sunstar Dablia. Mile and a quarter.—37; 1.13; 1.47 2/5; 2.21; 2.57; last quarter, 36.

Wallaroo. Last Mile.—38; 1.12; 1.47; 2.21; last quarter, 34.

Kingway. (Vids up) Mile and a quarter.—41; 1.17; 1.54; 2.27 3/5; 3.00; last quarter, 32 2/5.

Temple Bar. Mile and a quarter.—41; 1.17; 1.54; 2.27 3/5; 3.00 2/5; last quarter, 33 4/5.

On Sunday morning there was only one gallop made, this being by Cannonage, whose time was as follows for three quarters of a mile.—33 2/5; 1.6 2/5; 1.37 2/5; last quarter, 31.

NINE WOMEN OUT OF TEN.

It is an unfortunate fact that nine women out of every ten are victims of bloodlessness in one form or another. The girl in her teens, the wife and mother, the matron of middle age—all know its miseries. To be anemic means you are breathless after any slight exertion. You feel worn out and depressed all day. You turn against food and cannot digest what little you do eat. At night, if you do sleep, you are not refreshed, and when it is time to get up you feel exhausted and unfit for the day's duties. If neglected, anemia may lead on to consumption.

Act promptly. Make good the fault in your blood by taking Dr. Williams' pink pills, the most reliable blood enricher ever discovered. These pills purify bad blood; they strengthen weak blood and they make good blood. You will be better for your food; you will be brighter and more active. Your womanly charm will be increased, and as you continue with Dr. Williams' pink pills you will regain proper strength and enjoy life as fully as every woman should do.

Start Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people to-day and begin to get well and strong. Most dealers sell them, also obtainable, one bottle for \$1.50, six for \$8, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Eschen Road, Shanghai.

NOT PEACE AT ANY PRICE

but at the cost of only 60 cents is yours if you try Pinkettes for your Constipation, Bilious attacks, "Liverishness," Sick Headaches.

PINKETTES

the little gentle-so-nature laxative, aid digestion, clear the complexion, sweeten the breath. Of dealers, or post free from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Eschen Road, Shanghai.

Turned Green and Yellow. After arguing about the return of fifty cents which had been lent by one to the other, two street coolies began to fight on Saturday near the Statue Wharf. One of them wielded an axe and managed to get in two or three blows before the police could separate them. The wounds inflicted were not serious. When the injured man was telling his story to Mr. Dyer Ball, at the Magistracy this morning, he said that he turned green and yellow when he saw the other about to strike him. His Worship sentenced the man with the hatchet to six weeks' hard labour.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From VANCOUVER AND SEATTLE.

THE Steamship "COCONADA"

having arrived Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th instant at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 25th instant at 10 a.m.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within 10 days after arrival of the Steamer, otherwise they will not be considered.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

Agents, Hongkong, 18th February, 1918.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, No. 6 Connaught Road, on THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 20th February, 1918, until THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1918, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 16th February, 1918.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited will be held at the registered office of the Company, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the first day of March 1918, at 12 noon, when the subjoined resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 9th day of February 1918, will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution.

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—

(a) By the deletion of the word "twice" in the second line and the word "Half" in the fourth line of Article No. 56.

(b) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the first, seventh and last lines; the substitution of the word "meeting" for "meetings" in the eighth line; and the insertion of the word "an" between the words "at" and "ordinary" in the seventh line, of Article No. 61.

(c) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the third and fifth lines and the substitution of the word "an" for "the" in the third and fifth lines and the word "meeting" for "meetings" in the third and sixth lines of Article No. 62.

(d) By the deletion of the word "Half" and the substitution of the word "meeting" for "meetings" in the first line of Article No. 90.

(e) By the deletion of the word "Half" wherever appearing in Article No. 93.

(f) That the following clause be inserted in Article 107 after Sub clause (p) thereof, namely, (p) a:

TO DEAL WITH RESERVE FUND.

(p) a. To employ the reserve fund for the time being or any portion thereof in or for all or any of the following purposes that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalising dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repairing, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Company, and in or such other purposes as the Directors shall in their discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company."

(g) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the fourth line of Article No. 111.

(h) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the first line of Article No. 116.

(i) By the substitution of the word "Once" for "twice" in the first line of Article No. 124.

Dated the 18th day of February, 1918.

By Order of the Board, J. H. TAGGART, Secretary.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Hotel on FRIDAY, the 1st March, 1918, at 12.15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1917, with the Report of the Directors and discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th February, to 1st March, 1918, both days inclusive. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.

J. H. TAGGART.

Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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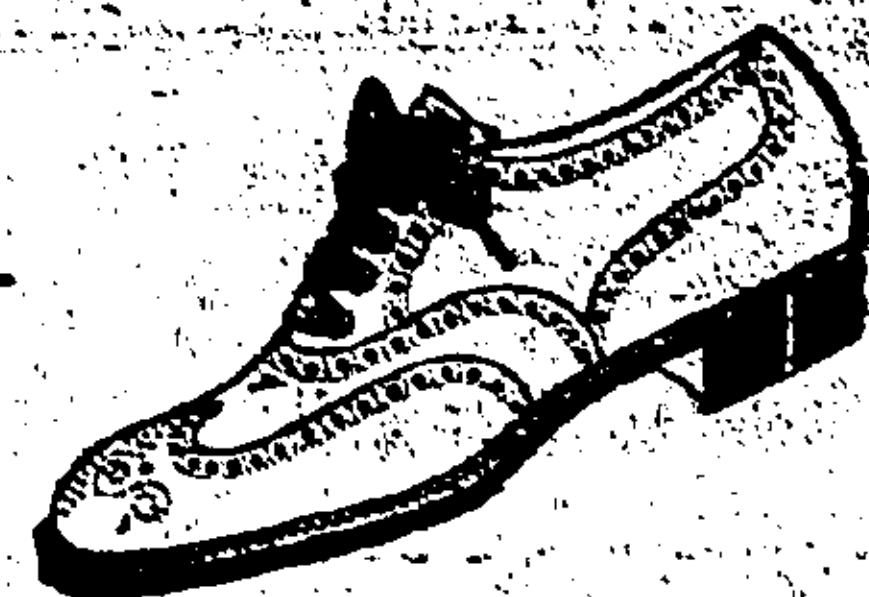
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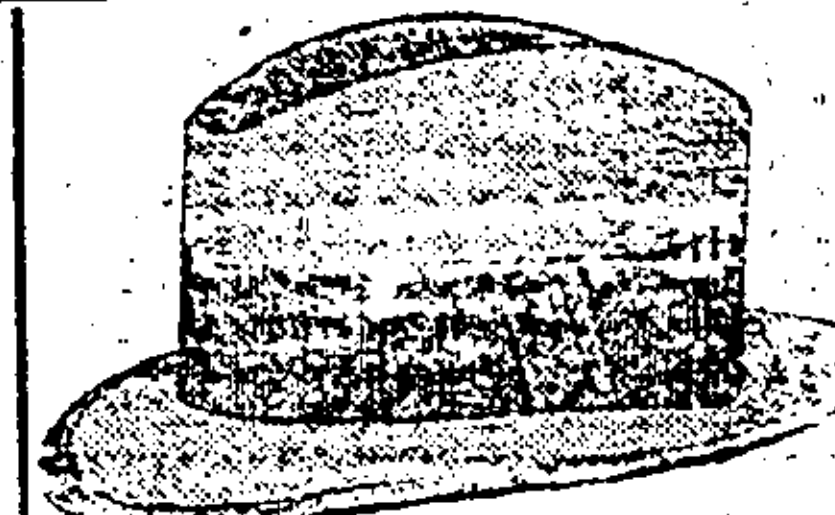


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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

To-day's List of Cases.

The Criminal Sessions were opened at the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir William Ross Davies).

Returned Banished Sentenced.

Chan Pui pleaded guilty to returning to the Colony before his term of banishment had expired.

The story of the prisoner was to the effect that he had been told he was only banished for five years and he would not have returned had he known it was for twenty years.

The Chief Justice said it seemed from the evidence that the prisoner was told by the interpreter that he was banished for 20 years. In 1912 he had been banished for 5 years and returned after two months. In view of this he could not believe his story now and he would be sent to prison for three years.

Chapel Caretaker Robbed.

Li Ki and Li Yip were indicted with robbery and violence on Li To-hon, on January 14 at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel when they stole a blue serge coat, a black coat and \$10 in money. Both prisoners pleaded guilty.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Crown Solicitor, said the men entered the house, bound and gagged the wife of the caretaker, taking away with them two coats and \$10 in money. The men had visited the house a week previously and said they wanted to enter into business with the caretaker. The caretaker did not know the men and refused to have anything to do with them.

The Chief Justice said the men had pleaded guilty to robbery with violence. They seized this woman by the throat and bound her. If there had been any evidence that they had weapons in their possession he would have passed a more severe sentence. They would go to prison for five years and receive 10 strokes of the "cat."

A Harbour Incident.

Yeung Wing, Li Wing, and Chan So were charged on an indictment with assaulting Kwok Chan in the Harbour on January 1, stealing several articles of jewellery and \$2.50 in money.

Prisoners pleaded not guilty. The jury were empanelled as follows:—Messrs. E. Eara, Y. F. H. Castro, Pang Sai-hang, J. M. Noronha, A. Irson, L. O. Lopes, and E. J. de Figueiredo.

Mr. Wakeman, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and said the prisoners were alleged to have committed the robbery on a junk at East Point. Evidence would be given by a sampan man that on the night in question he was at Bowington Canal when he was hailed by six men, who told him to row them out to a junk. He did so, not expecting anything and when they got to the junk they went aboard and tied the master and his wife up. They then rowed back, and when they were nearing the shore cries of robbery were raised. An inspector of the tramways heard the cries and was able to arrest the first prisoner, who was taken to the Police Station, and although he had not been charged he said he could find some of the men who took part in the robbery. He took the police to a house where the other prisoners were arrested. The junk master said he could identify the first prisoner.

The tramway inspector was commended for his conduct by the Chief Justice.

The boatman who had rowed the men to the junk was questioned by his Lordship regarding the identity of the third prisoner. The Chief Justice had this prisoner removed from the dock and placed among a number of Chinese in Court and the boatman was asked to identify him, which he did immediately.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty against the first defendant and a verdict of not guilty against the second and third.

His Lordship sentenced the first man to six years' hard labour and 12 strokes with the "cat," the other two being discharged.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

DIVISION II.

R.E. Reserves v. 33rd Co. R.G.A.

This is the first time these teams have met this season, and as anticipated, a very fast and even struggle ensued. The Sappers kicked off, but were smartly robbed by Sharman, who swung the ball out to Jones. The latter went well down the wing, but shot wide. The Engineers now took up the attack, and for some time kept the play in the Gunners' half. Parton, after beating two of his opponents, scored with a nice shot. The Engineers still continued to have the better of the game, and when halftime arrived, they were leading by 1 goal to nil.

In the second half, the Engineers fell away, the Gunners doing most of the pressing, and on two or three occasions had hard lines in not scoring. About ten minutes from the finish, Watson got through and equalised with a low shot, giving Cruickshank no chance of saving. Baker, for the Sappers, had a glorious chance of putting his side ahead, having only the goalie to beat, but he shot wide. Result:—1 all. Mr Wright was the referee.

Kowloon v. 33rd Co. R.G.A. Played on the Club Ground. Mr. Darroze was referee, and the teams were:—

Kowloon:—Jennings, White, Hamilton, Jones, Van Langenberg, Abbas, Rasmussen, Musdeen, Knight, Halsall, Tetam. 33rd Co. R.G.A.:—Gladwin, French, Attwood, Lord, Long, Wright, Ope, Panton, Butterworth, Garner, Nicholls.

Kowloon had very little difficulty in disposing of their opponents to the tune of 4 goals to nil. The civilians' defence was never in difficulties, and their forwards played a nice open game. In the first half Knight and Musdeen gave them a lead of two goals to nil at half-time. In the second half Knight and Musdeen again scored one each. Wright at half worked hard for the Gunners, but they were outplayed and had to submit to defeat by the score stated.

South China Athletic v. Staff and Depts.

Played on the Club Ground. The Chinese gained the victory in the match by 1 goal to nil, thereby strengthening their position in the League. It was not, however, until the last few minutes that they penetrated the Staff's defence, and registered the winning goal. It was quite a good game to watch. The Chinese were very smart on the ball, the passing being exceptionally good, which gave Lawrence and Wain plenty of work. The score of 1 goal to nil fairly represents the run of the play.

CRICKET.

Hongkong C.C. v. Middlesex. This match played on the Club ground, resulted in expectations being fulfilled, the home team winning by 156 runs with three wickets to spare. Pearce was again to the fore with a well-played 93, while Donnelly and Morgan had no difficulty in disposing of the Middlesex batsmen. Scores:—

Hongkong.	
T. E. Pearce, c. Dickinson, b. Smith	93
Captain E. H. Gray, b. Butterworth	64
H. E. Muriel, b. Butterworth	6
E. R. Thomas, c. Tebbitt, b. Butterworth	10
Lt. H. E. Murray, l.h.w. b. Smith	8
M. M. Maas, not out	23
F. Sutton, l.h.w., b. Butterworth	0
Lt. Col. R. H. Morgan, b. Butterworth	2
L. D. McNicoll, not out	11
Lt. J. K. McConnell and D. E. Donnelly, did not bat	—
Extras	1
Total (for 7 wks.)	216

Bowling.	
Woodward	3 0 19 0
Parnall	8 0 27 0
Cooper	7 0 55 0
Fawthrop	2 0 44 0
Butterworth	7 0 42 5
Smith	7 0 38 2

Middlesex.

Capt. Paddfield, run out	3
Lt. Cooper, c. McConnell, b. Donnelly	0
Pte. Grove, c. Murray, b. Morgan	16
Capt. Smith, b. Morgan	11
Pte. Butterworth, b. Donnelly	1
Lt. L. O. Tebbitt, b. Morgan	12
Lt. Dickinson, b. Donnelly	2
Cpt. Fawthrop, b. Morgan	0
Pte. Smith, b. McNicoll, b. Donnelly	0
Pte. Parnall, c. Maas, b. Morgan	6
Pte. Woodward, not out	4
Extras	5
Total	60

Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Donnelly	9 1 15 4
Morgan	9 2 40 5
Kowloon v. Chinese Recreation Club.	

Kowloon easily won this match at King's Park, due chiefly to the good batting of Hodge and Stalker as well as the effective bowling of the latter and Cobb. Scores:—

Kowloon.	
F. E. Joseland, c. Lee, b. Yew	10
J. Stalker, c. Ohing, b. Yew	44
C. Stapleton, b. Yew	0
L. E. S. Hodge, c. Ng Sze Kwong, b. Un	82
K. R. Macaskill, b. Yew	13
J. P. Robinson, c. Ng Sze Kwong, b. Un	8
R. Pestonji, c. Wei Lee San, b. Un	6
W. T. Elson, b. Ng Sze Kwong	2
J. H. Mead, not out	7
P. H. Cobb, not out	13
H. Ovary, did not bat	—
Extras	15
Total	200

Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Un Hwa Fan	13 1 58 2
Yew Man Tsun	17 4 74 5
Ho Wing Kin	5 0 36 0
Ng Sze Kwong	5 0 17 1

C. R. C.	
Choi Man Ping, l.h.w., b. Cobb	1
Wei Lee San, b. Cobb	6
Ng Sze Kwong, run out	4
Un Hwa Fan, b. Stalker	2
G. Lee, not out	6
H. Ohing, b. Stalker	0
Ho Wing Kin, b. Cobb	1
J. Wong, c. Robinson, b. Cobb	5
Yew Man Tsun, b. Stalker	1
B. Chan, b. Stalker	0
R. Lee, c. Hodge, b. Stalker	0
Extras	12
Total	32

Bowling analysis. O. M. R. W. Cobb... 9 6 8 4 Stalker... 9 4 14 5

Civil Service v. University. Played on the Civil Service ground, the home team not being at full strength, and ending in a draw in favour of the visitors. The University, losing the toss, were sent in to bat, and at 4 o'clock declared their innings closed after making 179 for 5 wickets. Marley scored freely, and soon put together 75; Brayshaw also materially assisted the total with 35. Civil Service started well and things looked promising with 99 up and only two wickets down. A not out in, however, and at the call of time 8 men were out for 120. Dixon, Goodall and Bradbury batted well. Brayshaw came out with the good average of 5 wickets for 47 runs. The fielding of the University side was excellent. Scores:—

University.	
A. H. Ramjaha, c. Bradbury, b. Bird	15
F. A. Redmond, b. Hamilton	16
G. E. Marley, c. Ling, b. Fletcher	75
K. Brayshaw, b. Bird	35
R. Ponsonby Fane, b. Hamilton	15
G. Hall, c. b. Hamilton	6
J. D. Wright, not out	7
Lam Keng Sim, not out	0
D. K. Samy, W. Gittinge, Cheah Took Lok, did not bat	—
Extras	10
Total (for 6 wks.)	179

Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Hamilton	11 3 57 2
Bird	11 0 67 3
Dixon	4 0 16 0
Fletcher	4 0 29 1

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

SCHOOLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—The following letter has been received from Mr. John MacKay, President, Western Residential Schools, Ltd., 929 Rogers Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.:—

"We have learned that a large number of people in the Orient are desirous of sending their children to schools on this coast, owing to the impossibility of sending them to England, as heretofore."

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If any of your readers are interested in this matter, and will send their name and address to the undersigned, he will be glad to forward same to Mr. MacKay.

Yours faithfully,
P. D. SUTHERLAND,
General Agent, Passenger Dept.
Canadian Pacific Ocean
Services, Ltd.
Hongkong, February 16, 1918.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R.), state:—

[Parade. All ranks, other than those on duty on that day, will parade at Caroline Road, Causeway Bay on Friday next, February 22nd.

Fall in in Column of Section, facing tramway terminus, at 5.35 p.m. Uniform with helmets. Constables will wear mush-room tops (and not spikes) with helmets.

Six tramcars will leave Queen's Statue Square (opposite Hongkong and Shanghai Bank) at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Members will board these independently and proceed to Causeway Bay.

Tramcars for the return journey will leave Causeway Bay at about 6.45 p.m.

Staff Inspectors Mc Ewen and Macdonald will attend. Others are exempted.

Store, Central Station. Members are reminded that the Central Store is open only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays (Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Cases. Departmental Orders Nos. 10 and 11. In future all reports of Cases, Accidents, &c. are to be sent to this office, addressed to the Secretary to D.S.P.R.

Staff Inspector McEwen and Trooper Sergeant Kew will hand in their records accordingly.

Crime Reports. All ranks are directed as far as possible to keep themselves in touch with the information posted at Headquarters Club.

Discipline. General Notification of February 5th last, operates as from this date. The attention of patrolmen is drawn thereto.

Equipment. Puggarees, Armlets and Shoulder Badges may be had on application through E.O.s, to Crown Sgt. Castro.

J. Fletcher, b. Marley	0
T. MacCormac, did not bat	0
F. J. Ling, not out	0
Extras	5
Total (for 8 wks.)	120

Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Brayshaw	23 5 47 6
Marley	15 2 38 3
Wright	3 0 22 0
Redmond	5 1 8 0

VICTORIA REGATTA.

Some Excellent Sport on Saturday.

Sportmen in the Colony have cause to feel every satisfaction that the Victoria Regatta, which died out some four years ago, has been revived, the first races since it took on a new lease of life taking place on Saturday. The scene when the races started was a very picturesque one, with the yachts and gay decorations. The regatta was under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, (Sir Henry May, K.O.M.G.), H. E. Major-General Ventris, Commodore Sandeman, R.N., Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Paul Chater, K.O.M.G.

The starting point of the course was in Wanchoi Bay, coming up by the Naval Yard to finish opposite the Club. The sea was rather choppy when the boats got a little too far out, but the course chosen was about the calmest stretch of water in the Harbour. The day was brilliant and the sport some of the best seen in Hongkong.

The first event on the programme was the Tub Sculls, which was rowed off in two heats. Mr. Geiger, the rowing captain of the Canton R.C., proved an easy winner. Canton were unable to enter their four and we were glad to see that, nothing daunted, Mr. Geiger, notwithstanding all the bad luck which he had with his four, came down, saw and conquered the only cup which was open for him to enter for.

The Inter-Club Pairs brought out two boats representing the B. H. K. Y.C. and U.R.C. The V. R. C. crew was handicapped by a badly trimmed boat which made management very difficult. Lovely at times found the listing of the boat seriously affecting his stroke. V. R. C. lost by five lengths. The pair were: R. H. K. Y.C.—Bow, G. F. Dumbarton (15st 2lb), Stroke, A. E. Hall (14st 4 lb), Cox, B. W. Pettley (10st 9 lb), V. R. C.—Bow, Lt. Lovely (10st 9 lb), Stroke, Lt. J. F. Kelly (10st 4 lb), Cox, H. Rapp (9st 8 lb).

Sergeant Brown won the three quarters of a mile race for police gigs, with Sergeant Hopewell, in the Inter-Club Pairs, three boats competed—two from the Royal H.K. Yacht Club and one from the V.R.C. The teams were:—R.H.K.Y.C. No. 1: Bow, A. Morris (11 5), 2, H. R. Northey (10 11), 3, G. E. Dumbarton (13 2), Str., J. A. Bidgway (12 5), Cox, H. W. Pettley (10), No. 2: Bow, H. O. Lowick (10), 2, W. E. Douglas (10 11), 3, G. E. Dumbarton (13 2), Str., A. E. Hall (14 4), Cox, H. E. Bullock (10 8), V. R. C.: Bow, J. Briggs (11 8), 2, B. J. de H. Moore (10 5), 3, J. London (12), Str., A. H. Carroll (11), Cox, W. J. Carroll (8 8). There was a good start, and it was soon seen that the race would be between the Yacht Club No. 1 and the V. R. C. representatives. The latter were putting in 40 strokes to the minute against the R. H. K. Y.C. 32. This pace was kept up practically all the way, it was an excellent race, the most sporting of the afternoon. The R. H. K. Y.C. crew having trained for a three-quarter mile race by request of the V. R. C., and the crew agreed to row the mile at the last moment, a fact which made the race all the more hard. The boats were practically level all the way, the Royals No. 1 boat winning the race in the last quarter of a mile by a steady spurt, finishing a length ahead of the V. R. C.

There were several entries for the Naval Whalers' Race, which was won by Kowloon, with H. M. S.—second and H. M. S.—third. One of the most interesting events of the afternoon proved to be the Inter-Service Four. This race, which was rowed over a distance of three-quarters of a mile was open to all branches of His Majesty's Forces and the prizes were presented by Mr. Robert Shewan. There were four entries for this event, but only three started, the H. K. D. G. having been scratched. There was a very good start, all the crews getting well away, the Middlesex crew being first in their stride and for a few strokes had their fore canvas in front. For half the distance there was little to choose, the Middlesex and Navy both keeping abreast of the

R. G. A. crew, but the superior weight of the winners began to tell before the crews reached the Tamar. It was unfortunate for the Navy that they lost their rudder in the course of the race. The Middlesex crew were giving a lot of weight away for the service of Mr. R. C. Witcomb, who was coxing their crew, but in all probability they lost little by doing this, as he showed good generalship throughout the race. When the Middlesex crew saw that they had no chance of obtaining their heavier opponents, they dropped the fast stroke they had been using and were content with a long steady stroke. When the winning post was reached the R. G. A. crew were fairly easy winners by six or seven lengths, with the Naval crew about four lengths behind. Races of this description between the different branches of the Services promote a good sporting feeling, and we are glad to see that they are fostered by both the V.R.C. and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. These two Clubs have done everything in their power to promote this good feeling and we have no doubt that their efforts are duly appreciated, and already we see signs that they are bearing fruit. The crews in this event were:—R. A.—Bow, Opl. Habermal (11 2), 2, Bdw Liversy (11 12), 3, Opl. Knight (10 11), Str. Lt. A. E. Hall (14 4), Cox, Lt. R. M. S. Thomas (9 1), Middlesex.—Bow, Lt. H. C. Lovely (10 9), 2, Lt. Filbey (10 4), 3, Lt. McAllister (11), Str. Sgt. London (12 2), Cox, R. C. Witcomb (12), Navy.—Bow, W. Abel, 2, Sgt. H. Howse, 3, Opl. T. Tracy, Str. 3rd Writer A. Staley, Cox, W. Loach.

The Leek won the Chairman's Challenge Cup, open to members of the V.R.C., the winning crew being:—Bow, W. B. Maskett (10 0), 2, H. J. Silva (9 2), 3, J. London (12 0), Str. B. J. de H. Moore (10 5), Cox, H. Rapp.

Much interest was also shown in a dinghy race for Chinese Yacht hands and a race for sampans. The yachting events also attracted considerable attention and resulted as follows:—

Handicap Class:—1, Bolla (P. O. Potts); 2, Dione (Miss Iris May).

One Design Class:—1, Ailsa (Mr. Aitken); 2, Halcyon (Mr. Dixon).

Byward Hays and Gael Class:—1, Toinette (Mr. Heyblom); 2, Lady Ursula (Mr. Sleight).

The officers for the day were:—Rowing Committee:—Lieut. E. Hall, R.G.A., E. W. Carpenter, R. H. Northey, A. A. Alves, A. V. Barros, A. Loughlin, Lieut. Lovely (Middlesex), V. Findlay Smith (Rowing Capt.), B.H.K.Y.C., A. H. Carroll (Rowing Capt.), V.R.C., and Ah King.

Judges:—Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, O.M.G., Thomas C. Sed, R.N., Col. Chapman, V.D., E. W. Carpenter, A. E. Alves, G. G. Woodhead, F. Smyth.

Starters:—Rowing—Hon. Mr. O. Mol Messer, Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.O., A. A. Alves; Sailing—D. K. Bitt; and A. H. Milby.

Time Keepers:—Rowing—T. Meek and C. H. Gale; Sailing—A. W. van Andel and A. Denison.

Clerk of Course:—Mr. McIver.

Reception Committee:—Messrs. W. Logan, J. Hanks, A. Silva Netto, A. McKirdy, T. A. Loughlin, F. D. Bain, R. E. Bellio, B. Bamey, Handley Pegg and N. J. Brewer.

Mr. V. Findlay Smith, Hon. Secretary.

At the conclusion of the day's events, the prizes were distributed by Miss Iris May. Before Miss May presented the prizes, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn gave some interesting history of the Regatta, which, he said, almost synchronised with the history of the Colony. The first Regatta was held in 1849 and they were held at intervals until 1912.

The Regatta they had just witnessed was the 49th. The year had stopped many things, including the Regatta, but it was decided that such a healthful exercise as rowing should not be neglected, and as the V.R.C. and R.H.Y.C. had a number of excellent boats it was decided that a Regatta should be held this year, the proceeds, after all expenses had been paid, being given to war charities. The day of the

RUBBER DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts are in receipt of the following advice:—

Kedah Rubber Co., Ltd.—10 per cent (2nd Interim) dividend for the year ending 28th April 1918, making 20 per cent; books close from 5th to 8th February 1918.

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Sandycroft Rubber Co., Ltd.—5 per cent (3rd Interim) dividend for the year ending 31st January 1918, making 17 1/2 per cent; books close from 25th to 28th February 1918.

CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date of February 17 as follows:—

Owing to some disagreement between certain important persons the question of changing the Tuhun has been dropped.

Lum Shiu-pai, the representative of the North and bearer of a letter from the President for Luk Wing Ting, has arrived. After making official calls on all the authorities he started at once for Nanning to see Luk Wing-ting. It is reported that the letter is intended to persuade Luk to advise the officials in Canton not to oppose Lung Chai-kwong as Inspector General of the two Provinces and to request Luk to come to Peking and take up the post of Ning Wai General. The Central Government has appointed Lung Yau-kwong (brother of Lung Chai-kwong) as Defence Commissioner of King Chow.

The gun boat Kwong Yuen, which formerly cruised off Kum Chow, is reported missing. The craft is supposed to have been seized by Lung's troops.

Billiards.

A billiard match between Mr. Stokes, of Shanghai, and Sergt. Pitt, of Hongkong, has been arranged to take place at the V.R.C. on the 25th inst., at 9 p.m. sharp. All seats will be \$2 each (half-price to the Services) and proceeds will go to war charities.

The Regatta was first thought of after the rowing races, which took place on the opening day of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and the Rowing Committee of the two clubs showed great enthusiasm. Mr. V. Findlay Smith and Mr. R. C. Witcomb, representing the Yacht Club and V. R. C. respectively, were deserving of the warmest thanks for the hard work they had put in to make the event a success. He desired to express thanks to the following gentlemen who gave prizes: Sir Paul Chater, Mr. R. Shewan, the members of the Stock Exchange for a cup (which had been presented for many years by an old member of the V. R. C.), Sir James Stewart Lockhart, the Chinese Club, Dr. Carvalho and the Lusitano Club, to Commodore Sandeman for providing accommodation in the Naval Yard, Commander Myburgh and Chief Gunner Steed for arranging decorations, Mr. Molyer for his work as Clerk of the Course, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Carvalho for making the boats, Mr. Ah King for organising the Official races, Mr. Findlay Smith as Treasurer, and who had done extremely good work, Mr. Witcomb, who had worked with untiring energy to make the Regatta the greatest success it had been and Mr. D. K. Blair for his work in connection with the yachtsmen.

Miss Iris May then distributed the prizes and at the conclusion of this ceremony was handed a bouquet by Miss Daisy Witcomb. At night a most enjoyable smoking concert took place in the Gymnasium, a Musical programme of instrumental and vocal music being contributed to by Miss Enid Cooper, Lieut. Sayer, Capt. C. O'Connell, and Knight, Mr. V. Findlay Smith, Mr. R. C. Witcomb, and Mr. Ah King.

